He Who Paints The Black Of Night

The Vision Bleak

A painter I have been
For as long as I can think
But never quenched the feather
Into the firkin of black ink

My motif's been of beauty
Diluted and too light
My stroke of brush is worthless
Until I paint the blackest night...

A darkened empty room A screen in dreadful white Waiting for the flame Of inspiration to ignite

So I begin my work
I sweep the brush through black
A line on the horizon
Now there is no coming back

But to my great excitement Like in a secret rite With trembling hand I paint And fill the cloth with night

Deeper and deeper
I fall into trance
I am led by a sorcerous hand
With death in my eyes
And madness at heart
Grandeur is cast into art...

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By a magic arrangement And the assistance of fate Stroke by stroke I descend Into the abyss I create

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From that secret fountain

Henceforth I will be fed Never shall I leave its haunt Until the day I hail the dead

I vomit on your junk
And piss on your false skill
You shall never understand
The glory of good and ill

Shadow, darkness, death and sin Half off from this pack You will never be complete Until you paint the night in black